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# Viewpoint

**"U**ltimately, there is no fool-proof way to keep someone from becoming a spy if he chooses to do so."

—L. Britt Snider,  
Defense official

**"W**hen you're young, the silliest notions seem the greatest achievements."

—Pearl Bailey

**"T**here is plenty of room at the top, but not enough to sit down."

—Fred Shero,  
hockey coach

**"A** cynic is a man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing."

—Oscar Wilde

**"T**he devil is easy to identify. He appears when you're terribly tired and makes a very reasonable request which you know you shouldn't grant."

—Fiorello La Guardia,  
New York City mayor,  
1933-45

Answers: 1—a; 2—b; 3—c; 4—c; 5—b; 6—b; 7—a;  
8—c; 9—a; 10—a

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This month, the *INSCOM Journal* features the 501st Military Intelligence Group in Korea. The 501st MI Group plays a key role in maintaining the peace in the Land of the Morning Calm. As added excitement to the area, the Republic of Korea is preparing to host the 1986 Asian Games and the 1988 Olympics.



# Cornwallis surrenders at Yorktown

On Oct. 19, 1781, Lt. Gen. Cornwallis surrendered his British soldiers at Yorktown, Va., marking the end of the Revolutionary War.

Victory at Yorktown. It has been called a bridge between the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The defeat of the British at Yorktown fulfilled a pledge made by American soldiers to support the Declaration of Independence with their "lives, fortunes and sacred honor."

That "bridge" was built with the "bricks" of battles won at

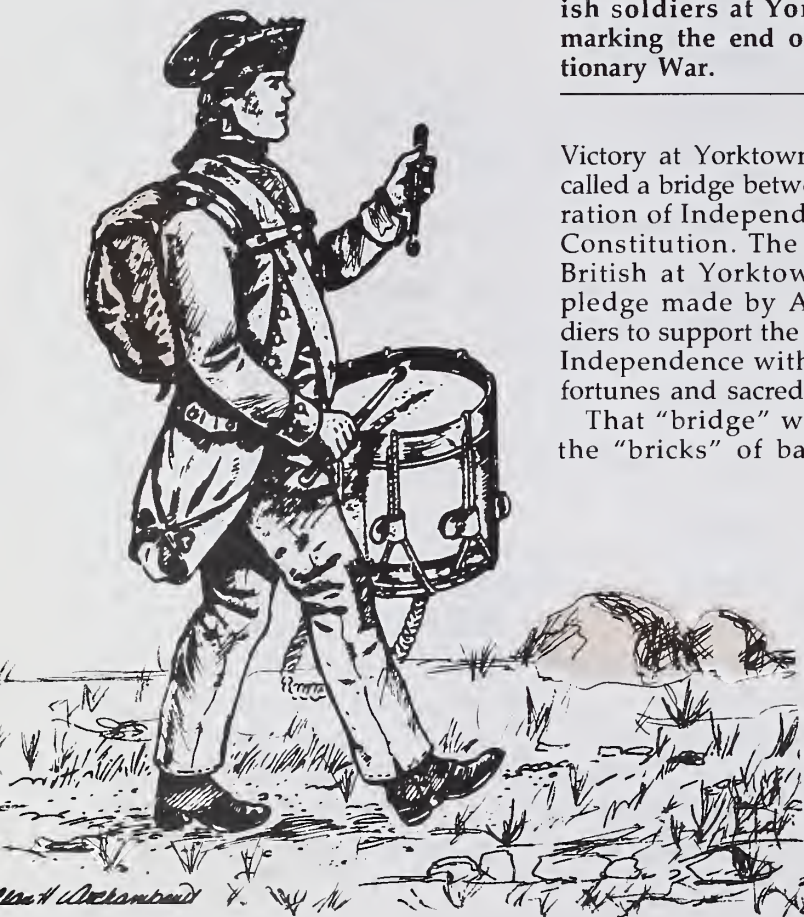
Saratoga, Brandywine Creek, Kings Mountain and Cowpens. The mortar, courage mixed with the blood of American and French soldiers, helped hold that bridge together until the surrender of Lt. Gen. Earl Charles Cornwallis at Yorktown on Oct. 19, 1781.

The people in York (later known as Yorktown), a quiet port in southern Virginia, must have sensed the growing importance of their location even before York and Gloucester were taken over by the British forces in 1781.

In early August of that year, Cornwallis' Army of more than 7,000 permanently occupied York. The purpose: to secure a port for the British fleet. However, the French fleet under Admiral De Grasse turned back the British fleet, and occupied Chesapeake Bay, preventing Cornwallis' escape by sea.

The snare was set; Cornwallis had little choice but to defend at York and Gloucester. Caught in a trap, with no hope of escape, the end—and American independence—was only a matter of time.

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The three fighting men comprising the Vietnam Veterans Memorial statue seem to be reading the names of comrades etched into the memorial's granite walls. (Photo by Sgt. Maj. Rudi Williams, USA)

# A memorial for remembrance

By Sgt. Maj. Rudi Williams, USA  
American Forces Information Service

Something was missing when the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was unveiled in the nation's capital in November 1982. There were more than 58,000 names of American fighting men who were killed or listed as missing in action in Vietnam etched into the shiny black granite, but no faces.

Blacks, whites, Hispanics and every other ethnic group represented in America today, fought, were captured, maimed or killed on the battlefields of Vietnam. This "togetherness" has been symbolically captured in the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Statue of three fighting men—one white, one Hispanic and one black—"caught in a moment of watchful awareness."

"These veterans stand in solitary repose, viewing from afar the long, dark wall that recounts the more than 58,000 names of those who have died or who are missing in

battle," said a spokesman for the National Parks Service in Washington, D.C.

Each face holds a different expression—grave incomprehension, anguish, anxiety and angry defiance—which "mirrors the turbulent passage from innocence to experience, from boyhood to manhood. . . ."

"I wanted to get the youth and to some degree, the sense of psychology of what took place, the fact that there is a kind of shadow that passes over these young faces that will never go away," said Washington, D.C. sculptor Fredrick Hart. "I wanted to capture them at that moment when that shadow passed."

It took Hart two years and 2,500 pounds of green clay to create the seven foot tall statue, that sits on a one-foot granite base. Flesh areas of the life-like sculpture are made

of rich caramel bronze and the uniforms are slightly olive drab.

"When I first got involved with this project, I was excited because the war itself was such a difficult subject philosophically, emotionally, theologically and politically, so that in every sense it was many faceted and intriguing—a fascinating subject for study.

"A big change that came over me in these past few years. . . I began to appreciate who these veterans really were, what they had been through and what they are undergoing now," said Hart. "I became very compassionate about their experiences and sympathetic to their feelings.

"The statue I created is meant to elevate the veteran, to say something about their experience to them, to help them be acknowledged and understood," said Hart.





# Command Maintenance Inspection

by CW3(P) Kennard

The INSCOM Command Maintenance Inspection was initiated four years ago to enhance the maintenance posture of INSCOM units worldwide and provide commanders at all levels with an evaluation of all aspects of maintenance within their individual units.

The inspection team is normally comprised of two individuals from the Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics (DCSLOG), Maintenance Division. These individuals use a checklist which is provided to the unit prior to their arrival and is published in INSCOM Supplement 1 to AR 750-1. The checklist is broken down into specific areas: (1) Personnel Training, (2) Maintenance Management,

(3) Equipment Readiness Profiles, (a) Resource Status Report (RSR) (Fixed Station units), (b) Material Condition Status Report (DA Form 2406), (Tactical Units), (4) Publications, (5) Shop Operations, (6) Preventive Maintenance, (a) Maintenance Shop, (b) Operations, (7) Tools and Shop Equipment, (8) Calibration, (9) Shop Safety, (10) Aircraft (where applicable), and (11) Equipment.

The inspection team looks for discrepant trends which have been established within the unit. The only exception to the trend review is in the safety category. Trends are discrepancies which are noted by the inspection team as being repeated several times in

any one area. Safety discrepancies are noted on each occurrence. Evaluation points are awarded as listed on the Command Maintenance Inspection Checksheet. A percentage is given by adding the points awarded and dividing these points by the total point value (possible points).

To receive a satisfactory rating, the unit must achieve at least a 90% overall rating. It should be noted that all units inspected do not receive the same possible point value. The point value is determined by the areas inspected; areas not inspected will be indicated by an N/A on the checksheet. Any unit receiving a percentage of 98% or higher receives the USAINSCOM Commander's Plaque for Maintenance Excellence. The unit which receives the highest score in each category, Modification Table of Organization and Equipment, MTOE (Light, Intermediate, Heavy) and Table of Distribution and Allowances, TDA (Light, Intermediate, Heavy) is selected by HQ INSCOM to participate in the Chief of Staff, Army Award for Maintenance Excellence. This participation is strictly voluntary by the unit selected. It is possible to have an INSCOM unit selected from each category of the MTOE and TDA units inspected.

The units this year who achieved a score of 98% or higher were: Field Station Augsburg, Field Station Korea, and Detachment Wobeck of the 502nd ASA Battalion, 66th MI GP. These units are to be congratulated for their outstanding accomplishments.

As in the past two years, any unit who wins the Chief of Staff, Army competition is not inspected the following year. Two INSCOM units have won in the TDA Heavy Density category for 1983 and 1984. The winning units were Field Station Okinawa (1983) and Field Station Berlin (1984). Both units are recognized as the "best in the business" for those years. INSCOM is proud to have units setting the standards for the Department of the Army to emulate.

# Looking toward the future

by Capt. Stephen A. Lawrence

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I am optimistic in my hopes for the future. I have faith in our coming generations, in what they believe, and how they will react to our country's needs.

A lot of ink has been splashed about all the blood spilled over centuries. I will not reiterate all those themes, about how we should appreciate those sacrifices. Even if we occasionally take our freedom for granted, we are generally aware that we live better than most of those denizens who occupy the rest of the world. Rather, I would like to talk about those sacrifices that many of you will have to make and be remembered for.

I remember, back at the University of Illinois, hearing an ROTC instructor ask my class if we believed we would be in another war. This was immediately following Vietnam. Although we of the Thursday Uniform were no longer castigated as "baby killers," we still felt prevalent anti-war attitudes. Yet, almost the entire class indicated that they believed we would be at war within ten to twenty years . . . that was ten years ago.

Today, patriotism is up. This is not something afflicting only pre-Vietnam generations. The "new" generation (and I use that term grudgingly) endorsed a conservative, nationalist President with almost two-thirds of its vote.

Voluntary enlistments into the military are at the highest levels ever. The greatest surge came immediately following the deaths of hundreds of Marines in Lebanon; the highest proportion wanting to become Marines.

"Idealists" of the last generation accuse us of being materialistic and self-seeking. Does anyone really believe we would risk death on a foreign shore for material gain?

What would it be like if one of every twenty people you knew were killed or maimed for life? Perish the thought. Yet, in the American Civil War, this happened.

A modern battlefield will be worse. It will be immersed in horror. These fields will feature chemicals, tactical nuclear weapons, massed artillery, and extremely high attrition rates. Soldiers will dig in at every opportunity; spending perhaps half their time underground.

As terrible as this may be, we cannot ever shirk the task. The "Better Red than Dead" crowd constantly chants for peace at any price. If we should ever purchase peace by accepting totalitarian oppression, we will only earn what President Reagan has called "the peace of the grave." This generation, in some ways, is better informed than any of those previous. We have been exposed to Vietnam and its aftermath, Cuban expansionism, Soviet hegemony in Europe and Central Asia, and the "Terrorist International." In spite of this, patriotism is on the rise.

The central issue is whether our young men and women are realistically approaching current problems, or just hopelessly naive and blind idealists. We can no longer survive with sunshine soldiers. I, for one, am optimistic. I believe that our generation has observed and learned from the recent past. And without hope, we are dead anyway.





# Hometown News Program

by Deidre A. Hoehn

Have you ever wondered how some soldiers and civilians get their names and pictures in local newspapers—usually for events that you also have accomplished? Often it is for something as routine as PCSing. At other times it is for a more unique matter such as receiving an award. But the bottom line is that you wonder to yourself—how did he or she rate to get coverage in the newspaper, or on the radio, or even on the television?

The answer to your question is simple. Each one of those soldiers and civilians probably participated in the Hometown News Program by completing a DD Form 2266 (Information for Hometown News Release). This form is a one-page form. It does not have to be typed when filled in. Examples of information requested are name, rank, pay grade, social security number,

high school attended, event to be reported (e.g., re-enlistment), and relatives' names, relationships, addresses and zip codes.

After completing the form, an individual submits the form to his local public affairs officer or representative. The representative ensures the form is completed correctly and forwards it to the Army and Air Force Hometown News Service (AAFHNS) at Kelly Air Force Base. AAFHNS runs the Hometown News Program.

It makes getting your name in print sound easy, doesn't it? If you want your name in print this is all you need to know, although the Hometown News program is slightly more complicated than this!

Information that the soldier or civilian has provided is taken from the form and a "news release," or story is written. Story topics suitable for release for sol-

diers are graduation from basic training; completion and commissioning from Officer Candidate School; promotions to grade E-3 and higher; arrival for duty overseas, arrival for duty in the United States from overseas, or arrival for duty in one foreign country when transferring from another foreign country; and re-enlistments. These are just a few examples of topics that can be submitted to AAFHNS. DA Pamphlet 360-3 (Army Hometown News Program) provides additional examples.

Story topics suitable for release for civilian employees are receipt of Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service, Army or MACOM Civilian Award for Valor, DoD Distinguished Civilian Award, and President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service; receipt of a suggestion award of \$500 or more; and graduation from military schools when the civilian employee is a member of a class primarily made up of military personnel. Additional guidance on these topics is provided in DA Pam 360-3.

The program is based on zip codes. The AAFHNS deals with more than 14,000 newspapers, radio stations and television stations that serve America's villages, towns, small cities, and suburbs around major cities. Participating newspapers and stations indicate to AAFHNS which zip code areas they service. AAFHNS identifies which newspapers service the zip code areas on the DD Form 2266 and then they send the news release to each of these newspapers.

When participating newspapers and stations were recently asked how AAFHNS could improve the program, most said to send more photographs. Action shots are fine, but what really sells is a glossy black and white head and shoulder shot of the soldier in class A or class B uniform.

For more information on the Hometown News Program contact your INSCOM public affairs representative or refer to DA Pam 360-3. This is a short, easy-to-read guide on the Hometown News Program.



# Amateur talent show at FS Kunia

Bellydancers, lip synchers, guitar players and singers took center stage July 14 at the Wheeler Air Force Base NCO Club for the Field Station Kunia Amateur Talent Show (KATS).

For many of the KATS performers, it was their first performance in public, according to show organizer SSgt. Catherine Gillette-Gillette.

"We have a lot of talented people here, so we got the idea in our heads, 'why not a field station talent show?' " she said.

More than 200 people attended the program that kicked off with Markita Ensley dancing to "The Glamorous Life" and singing "Rhythm of the Night." The 15-year-old daughter of Sp5 Carolyn Bobo, Markita has been singing and dancing since the age of six.

"This was the first time she soloed, but she didn't seem to be nervous at all," Bobo said. "She was the first act out there, too. I was very proud of her."

Markita was also involved in the second act as her mother combined talents with Sp5 Georgia Wilson and Marie Roberts to lip synch to "Sparkle" and "Hooked On Your Love" by Aretha Franklin. Markita helped the group with their dance routine.

"It was the first time I ever performed," Bobo said. "Since I can't sing, this was the closest I ever came to being a superstar."

Bobo's five-year-old son, Mark Simmon, also performed with the "Tough Kids," a children's group who lip synched to "We Are The World," by USA for Africa. The performers from the Betsy Ross



SSgt. Catherine Gillette-Gillette presents a bellydancing routine during the recent Kunia amateur Talent Show. (Photo by Sp4 Cherrill C. Cantrell)

Court area of Schofield Barracks were Victoria Latty, Tiffany Latty, Christie Nava, Gracie Nava, Cindy Thomas, William Thomas, Richard Bruce, Sabrina Weckherlin, Maranda Johnson, Jennifer Webster, Jami Weckherlin, and Amy Weckherlin.

"He is a little ham on stage," Bobo said of her son. "He will definitely do something in the entertainment field when he grows up—probably a rock singer."

Another KATS performer also plans an entertainment career. Sp4 Roy Phillips brought his fiancée, Betsy Alieca, on stage to lip synch "Rock With Me" by Freddie Jackson.

"It is a popular song that everybody likes, and it is very special to us now," the 22-year-old explained. Phillips has been lip synching for five months and modeling for a year, he added.

"I always wanted to sing, but I

didn't have the special voice necessary for singing," he said.

Lip synching is more demanding than people might think, he added.

"You have to constantly practice to lip synch well," Phillips said. "I practiced for hours. After awhile, you get sick of the song and tired of hearing it. But you have to play it over and over, all the time—in the car, in your room—to get it down perfect."

Also performing were Sp5 Maurice Bell and Sp5 Nick Puchetti who did "Rumble" on the drums. Sgt. Rick Slone composed one song and performed two melodies on the guitar, and the Alexander Express Breakdance Troupe presented a

variety of breakdancing movements. Samuel, James, Jenet, and Tommy Alexander comprised the group. Sp5 Dean Taylor did a comedic routine, and Sp5 Tom Seipos played the trumpet. Mike Fisher sang "Daddy's Home."

Other lip synching performances included SSgt. Dennis Newbill presenting "Beatstreet," and Sgt. Karen Driver and SSgt. Christopher Meadows offered Chaka Khan's "Melody." Sp5 Michael Johnson mouthed "Sud-denly" by Billy Ocean. Emceeing was Sp4 Jonathan Coon.

The entertainment took a Mid-Eastern direction when Gillette-Gillette stepped into the spotlight to present a bellydancing routine. She became interested in the art

three years ago at Fort Hood, Texas, after witnessing a performance in a nearby town. Four months later she was dancing on the local edition of the Jerry Lewis telethon, and began performing in shows in the Fort Hood area.

Bellydancing is "terrific exercise," Gillette-Gillette said.

"In seven minutes, you use more muscles bellydancing than you use running two miles," she said. "I'm addicted to the art."

Gillette-Gillette designs and sews her own costumes, and said the bellydancer's best friend is "the safety pin. When you shake and twist, you certainly don't want things flying off of you."

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# Minutiae

by Diane L. Hamm

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1. What Secretary of State declared that "Gentlemen do not read other gentlemen's mail" which led to the closure of the War Department's successful code breaking effort?
  - a. Henry L. Stimson
  - b. Arthur L. Wagner
  - c. William P. Rogers
2. What was the name of the first post publication at Arlington Hall Station?
  - a. The Hallmark
  - b. The Guardsmen
  - c. The Post Pavilion
3. In what Warner Brothers' movie starring John Wayne were nearly thirty students of the USASA Training Center and School given a small role?
  - a. Sands of Iwo Jima
  - b. The Longest Day
  - c. The Green Beret
4. What was the code name for the deciphered Japanese messages before and during World War II?
  - a. SIGABA
  - b. Purple
  - c. Magic
5. What did the code signal "Climb Mount Niitaka" initiate during World War II?
  - a. D-Day Invasion
  - b. Attack on Pearl Harbor
  - c. Bombing of Hiroshima
6. Who of the following Secretaries of State served as a sergeant with the Counter Intelligence Corps during World War II?
  - a. Cyrus Roberts Vance
  - b. Henry Alfred Kissinger
  - c. William Pierce Rogers
7. Who was the famous singer and composer who served in the ranks of Army intelligence in the 1950's and went on to write songs like "The Folk Song Army" and "Send the Marines."
  - a. Tom Lehrer
  - b. Bobby Darin
  - c. Jimmy Driftwood
8. Who of the current Supreme Court Justices served as an officer in a signal intelligence assignment in World War II?
  - a. Thurgood Marshall
  - b. Warren Earl Burger
  - c. Lewis Franklin Powell, Jr.
9. What was the password for the D-Day invasion?
  - a. Mickey Mouse
  - b. Operation Overload
  - c. Rendezvous
10. What famous movie actor was once stationed at Arlington Hall Station during World War II?
  - a. Tony Randall
  - b. Bill Hart
  - c. Tony Curtis

(Answers on inside front cover)



# Challenge Day 1985 at Arlington Hall Station

What better way is there to improve esprit de corps, lift morale and enhance unit identification than by the age-old method of friendly competition. Such goals were the catalyst that spawned "Challenge Day 85," the first of what is destined to be an annual event at Arlington Hall Station.

After months of planning and hard work the soldiers of AHS put on the 5-hour extravaganza which included friendly sports competition, free beverages, and a reduced-price menu of hot dogs, hamburgers, spare ribs and chicken from the NCO Club. Although the sports activities provided excitement, the food and drinks helped maintain a merry, yet competitive spirit.

Challenge Day's competition ranged from non-strenuous events to those more physically demanding. Some events were chosen specifically for their correlation with U.S. Army readiness goals such as the M-16 firing on the Weaponeer system, plus the running and swimming events. Agility competition included the 3-legged race, the basketball hoop-shoot, softball and frisbee throw, volleyball, and the egg toss. Events requiring stamina and endurance included the one- and four-mile run relays, men and women's weightlifting, the

800-meter individual and relay swimming competition, and the ever present tug-of-war held over a mud pit donated by the facilities engineers. Individual and team points were awarded to the top three finishers for each event.

From the opening remarks made by INSCOM Chief of Staff Brig. Gen. George Walker, to the last event, competition was keen as all four companies at Arlington Hall Station competed to amass the most points and emerge the overall winner for the day. The final outcome showed B Company, USAG, AHS as the Challenge Day 85 winner. B Company Commander, Capt. Jim Spears, paid the price as he was whisked up and soundly tossed into the tug-of-war mud pit. Maj. Roberts, Deputy Commander, USAG, AHS closed the day's activities by presenting the Challenge Day plaque to the wet and muddy commander.

In addition to the cooperative weather, Challenge Day's resounding success was largely due to the enthusiasm and excitement of those participating. This enthusiasm was the culmination of extensive effort and coordination in planning the event. Since nothing of this type ever had been done at AHS, the entire Challenge Day groundwork had to be laid and its

parameters established.

In addition to establishing sports events and rules, innovative publicity techniques were used for pre-Challenge Day hype: a dummy was hung in effigy by B Company representing the three opponent companies (this elicited numerous remarks); fourteen-foot professionally-made banners were strung at entrances to AHS; interest-provoking flyers in various formats were distributed at a rate of two per week; T-shirts were designed for the occasion; large posters were distributed around the garrison; and marquees at the AHS entrances provided the Challenge Day information which picqued the soldiers' interest. This extensive innovative publicity paid off. Approximately three to four hundred soldiers were estimated to have attended the day's activities.

The best measure of success, however, is mission accomplishment. To this end "Challenge Day 85" more than reached its goals. Morale, esprit de corps, and unit identification were greatly boosted as evidenced by the remarks and spirit demonstrated throughout the day. As one soldier said at the day's conclusion, "Next year the trophy belongs to our company."







**Arlington Hall Station**





# That can of peaches

By Maj. Peter J. Schmotzer

A couple of us old-timers were sitting out in the field one afternoon. You know, one of those times when there's a lull in the action and you get to discussing things. We got around to talking about chow, as most soldiers do.

"You know, these MREs aren't so bad," one guy said.

"Yeah," answered another, "but the fruit isn't as good. You know, you just can't beat that old can of peaches."

He was right. I can remember a couple of frosty mornings when cans of peaches in my rucksack were chilled and tasted superb.

Leadership is like that old can of peaches. The MRE freeze-dried peaches are good, as are today's young leaders, but they are just not quite the same. Soldiers like good leadership. They work

harder, strive to do the impossible, and push their chests out when they do.

This is the year of leadership. A challenging year. A year of reflection and introspection. The Army today is somewhere between that old can of peaches and the new MRE. Sometimes we have to "suck it up" and other times we can "puff out our chests." This year, we the leaders at all levels have been handed a most difficult task: to look at ourselves. We feel threatened by this self-imposed review: "I'm a leader. I know what leadership is; I've had plenty of hands-on experience."

This year challenges all of us to gain the wisdom of leadership. Wisdom is a unique combination of experience and knowledge. We

have been told throughout time to seek out and listen to the wise men. We ask you, our experienced leaders, to please share with us your experience and knowledge. Share it with us verbally over coffee or during a break in training. Write it down and teach it to us in our classrooms.

We must all ask difficult questions of ourselves: What makes a good leader? Do I meet all the standards? What must I do to improve myself? How can I improve my leadership skills?

Each of us must reflect on our own experiences and lessons learned and pass them on to the leaders who will follow us. We would be remiss in our duties if we did not.

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# The 501st MIGP sums it up

There is a charged excitement as the Republic of Korea prepares to host the 1986 Asian Games and the 1988 Olympics. Signs of progress are everywhere as facilities and the entire support infrastructure for these major events are being readied country-wide. This air of excitement is tempered only by the uncertainty and tension surrounding what North Korea may try to do to prevent the south from successfully hosting the games. All of this only adds a level of intensity to the "real world" mission of the 501st which plays a key role in maintaining the peace in the Land of Morning Calm.

The Group is responsible for providing a wide range of multidisciplined intelligence and security support to Eighth Army and U.S. Forces Korea. To perform its mission, the 501st is organized into a large Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC) and three battalion-sized units, each with distinctly different capabilities.

The Group HHC is commanded by Capt. Ronald Pekera and has nearly 300 personnel assigned. The company provides the personnel who serve on the Group staff, plus those that man the All-Source Intelligence Centers (ASICs) supporting Eighth Army/USFK (ASIC-E) and Combined Field Army (ASIC-CFA), the Army element of the combined

Photographic Interpretation Center-Korea (PIC-K), as well as the Army element of the Special Liaison Activity Korea (SUSLAK).

The HHC, the Group Headquarters, ASIC-E, PIC-K, and SUSLAK are located in Seoul; ASIC-CFA is located at CFA Headquarters in Uijongbu, approximately 18 miles north of Seoul.

### Significant Events

Several significant events have transpired in the last year which have had a marked impact on HHC and the Group Headquarters. The HHC moved into a renovated orderly room and billets in January 1984. In October the Group Headquarters followed suit and moved into the newly renovated ROK MND annex complex, where it now occupies the top two floors of the building.

Both HHC and the Group Headquarters are actively involved in pursuing the Group's priority objective of combat readiness. The HHC was selected as HQ INSCOM's nominee in the fiscal 1984 Department of the Army "Best Maintained" competition for heavy density MTOE units. Also during the year, the company initiated senior common task training and testing for all assigned personnel in the rank of sergeant first class to colonel and quarterly Dragon Fire field de-

ployments. Dragon Fire is a week-long exercise for the soldiers during which they deploy under tactical situations and are aggressed by a mock North Korean Army made up of previous Dragon Fire graduates. All common task training is tested, but in a real, warlike atmosphere. It's one thing to learn night navigation and quite another to do it while being aggressed by an enemy using grenade and artillery simulators, M16s and M60 machine guns.

HHC also supported the first ever field deployments of the Group HQ and Group Operations Center (GOC) for Eighth Army exercises SNARE 84, ULCHI FOCUS LENS 84 and TEAM SPIRIT 85. During the latter, the largest field training exercise in the free world, the GOC provided command and control over almost 1200 Group personnel who participated in the exercise. As this issue goes to press the HHC and GOC will have deployed on at least two more exercises to ensure the highest possible level of readiness.

### 524th MI Bn

Co-located in Seoul with the HHC element is 524th MI Bn, commanded by Lt. Col. Charles Narburgh. The 524th MI Bn has the motto of "Silent Vigilance," and is one of the most unique bat-



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talions in INSCOM. It is both a tactical and a strategic unit, providing the full range of human intelligence and counterintelligence services to Eighth Army, U.S. Forces Korea, the Pacific Command, and other agencies. Services include counterespionage, signals security, operations security, technical surveillance countermeasures, interrogation of prisoners of war, polygraphy, intelligence photography, terrorism threat assessment, and liaison with intelligence agencies of the Republic of Korea and other U.S. forces.

The battalion has elements at various locations throughout the peninsula. Due to their wealth of expertise, specialists from the battalion have been called upon to support other organizations in Japan, Hawaii, Central America, the Caribbean, and the United States. Besides performing its everyday peacetime mission, the battalion is ready as never before to perform its wartime role.

The 524th is the principal counterintelligence/signals security unit in support of echelons above corps in Korea. Through the Headquarters Service Com-

pany and the 209th MI Company, dramatic steps have been taken to align CI/SIGSEC support with the unique requirements of the 524th's rear area security mission through participation in exercises like FOAL EAGLE and TEAM SPIRIT. The battalion is also taking innovative steps to ensure that the CI/OPSEC posture of U.S. Forces Korea is sustained against possible North Korean initiated incidents during major international events, such as the '86 Asian Games and '88 Olympics.

## Camp Humphreys

Fifty miles south of Seoul about five miles outside the city of Pyongtaek, is Camp Humphreys, home of the two other Group battalions; Field Station Korea and the 3rd MI Bn (Aerial Exploitation).

Field Station Korea, commanded by Lt. Col. Ronald Carter, is physically located at Zoeckler Station, a sub-installation of Camp Humphreys. All soldiers assigned to the field station and 3rd MI Bn are housed at Zoeckler Station, along with those attached from the Information Systems Command and the U.S. Naval Security Group Activity. The Station has its own quality of life facilities including a swimming pool, library, crafts shop, and athletic facilities.

The Red Dragon Dining Facility located at Zoeckler Station is a source of pride for 501st troops. The mess facility has been in close competition for the Philip A. Connelly Award for small dining facilities for the past two years. One of the most recent activities of Field Station Korea was the dedication of the Operations Center building to the memory of the late Col. William B. Guild who commanded Field Station Korea



Petty Officer William B. Guild Jr., poses with a plaque of his father, former Commander of Field Station Korea and former INSCOM DCSOPS. The operations building was dedicated in honor of the late William B. Guild Senior.

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524th MI Bn soldiers on squad maneuvers during TEAM SPIRIT '85.



CSM Clarke, 501st MI Group, during a recent Enlisted Dining-In.

from June 1978 to June 1979.

Everyone at Camp Humphreys and the surrounding countryside knows 3rd MI Battalion, if only by looking up at 3rd MI's aircraft flying by. They are a common sight. 3rd MI Battalion flies more missions than any other Army reconnaissance unit. Its aircraft can be seen departing and landing many times each day. Yet behind the visible aircraft are the less visible elements of the battalion—the structure, equipment and personnel needed to keep the planes flying, to collect information, process and disseminate intelligence, and to provide the other services and support which make the mission happen. 3rd MI Battalion

provides intelligence to local, theater and national level consumers. Its real world mission, 24 hours a day, seven days a week is to provide aerial reconnaissance and surveillance support. It's a big job, but this unit does it as a routine matter due largely to its chief resource, its dedicated soldiers.

Headquarters and Service Company is the most diverse of 3rd MI's three companies. Its personnel and many sections at company and battalion level provide support and control of the battalion's operation. The motor pool, dining facility operations, petroleum supply, technical supply and communications offices help maintain the battalion's readiness,

while overall control and direction is given by the company headquarters, the battalion staff and several staff subsections. These subsections are also vital to the intricate network of support activities within the battalion and include flight standards, flight records, aircraft safety, aircraft maintenance, military police, communications security office, and the battalion operations center.

The 501st MI Group, as anyone can see, is as diversified in mission as it is in location. For real world mission and challenge in working in a highly professional atmosphere there can be no substitute for the 501st MI Group Red Dragon Team.





## 501ST MI GROUP

# History of the 501st

Constituted on October 13, 1950 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 501st Communication Reconnaissance Group, the unit was activated on October 20, 1950 at Camp Pickett, Virginia, and assigned to the Army Security Agency (ASA). In May 1951, the 501st Communication Reconnaissance Group transferred from Camp Pickett to Camp Stoneman, California, for staging to Pusan, Korea.

The 501st Comm Recon Group arrived at Pusan, Korea, on June 25, 1951. The unit spent the next four days in the Pusan assembly area tent city awaiting sea transportation to Inchon. The 501st Comm Recon Group arrived at Inchon Bay on July 1, 1951 and traveled by motor convoy to Seoul where a temporary headquarters was established in a two-story brick residential home located at Ka Hea Dong, Seoul. In July 1951, the group headquarters moved into the war-damaged main building of the Kyanggi Middle School in Seoul. In July of that year, the 501st Comm Recon Group had assumed administrative and operational control of all ASA units in Korea.

The 501st Comm Recon Group

represented a first of its kind and a milestone in intelligence support to U.S. tactical troops. The Korean War presented ASA with an opportunity to test its newly formed doctrine in support of a field Army.

ASA activated the 501st Comm Recon Group to direct operations of the ASA support units in the Korean Theater, coordinating all ASA activities at each of the lower echelons.

By the end of hostilities in July 1953, the group had three battalions and five companies assigned. Actual strength of officers and enlisted men totaled more than 1,600. Besides the numerous citations awarded its subordinate units, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 501st Communication Reconnaissance Group received the Meritorious Unit Commendation (July 1951 to July 1953, the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation (July 1951 to April 1953), and credit for participation in six campaigns.

In July 1956, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 501st Comm Recon Group was redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 501st

Army Security Agency Group. In October of 1957, the 501st ASA Group was inactivated and its personnel and mission transferred to the concurrently organized 508th USASA Group, a TDA organization, as part of a worldwide reorganization occurring within the Army Security Agency to provide greater flexibility in support to tactical units.

In January 1978, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 501st ASA Group was redesignated the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 501st Military Intelligence Group and activated at Yongsan, Korea. The Group took the place of the temporary 501st MI Group (Provisional), organized at Camp Coirer in April 1977 as part of the major reorganization within Army intelligence which merged individual disciplines into one organization. Subordinate to the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, the 501st MI Group commands most INSCOM units in Korea and provides intelligence and security support to Headquarters, Eighth U.S. Army, throughout Korea. (INSCOM's Special Security Group commands several special security activities in Korea.)



# In the mud at Camp Humphreys

It started raining the afternoon of Sunday, May 5, 1985. During the night there was no let-up in the precipitation striking the mud of Korea. Rumors had been running through the battalion about an alert to commence the annual ARTEP. At 5:00 a.m., May 6, an alert was called for the 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion. But it was still raining! Surely, we would not go to the field in the Korean mud, would we?

Well, we did.

Quartermaster parties were deployed. Once in place, they contacted their respective company commanders by radio and said, "Sir, hope you and the rest of the company have a nice swim." Surely after that communication, we wouldn't go to the field in the

by MSgt. Dennis N. Pearson

Korean mud, would we?

Well, we did.

Main elements of the battalion started out at 10:15 a.m. on a still drizzly day. But surely once we got to the field, after crossing that deplorable contaminated area in MOPP and rain gear, surely we wouldn't have to sleep in the field in the Korean mud, would we?

Well, we did.

Tuesday broke bright, but still raining. Surely we wouldn't have to continue this ARTEP in the field in the Korean mud, would we?

Well, we did.

Just to make a long story short, Wednesday it cleared and Thursday it finally became bearable.

Surely we wouldn't have to have suffered all that we had suffered in the field in the Korean mud just to go back to the unit at Camp Humphreys, would we?

Well, we did.

"Oh no!", we said, "Now we have to clean this mess up!" Surely we wouldn't be able to clean all the equipment that got messed up in the Korean mud before we got to go downtown and "relax," would we?

Well, we almost did.

Fortunately, they had pity on us and let us take off to blow off some steam.

Surely they wouldn't want to know how much fun we had in the field in the Korean mud, would they?

Well, we ...







# 501st provides support to Korean orphanages

The 501st MI Group sponsors both the St. Vincents Home for Amerasians and Shin Saeng Orphanage.

by Maj. J.R. Hollins  
524th MI Bn

St. Vincents Home for Amerasians located in Incheon, Korea was founded in 1970 by Father Alfred V. Keane, a Catholic Maryknoll priest. Since establishment it has successfully placed over 800 Korean-American children in adoptive homes.

In 1978, the 501st Military Intelligence Group began supporting St. Vincents with food, clothing, and money to supplement the then and now austere budget. This support began with visits at Christmas and in September for Chusok (Korean version of

Thanksgiving) and has become a routine occurrence.

Since last July the 501st has visited the orphanage almost every month and contributed approximately \$4,500 worth of new and used clothes, new shoes, blankets, toys, food items (primarily rice), soap, soap powder, toothpaste, tooth brushes, coats, mittens, scarves, and two cassette tape players.

Father Ben Zweber, who presently manages St. Vincents, commented that their budget had been greatly reduced due to Afri-

can Famine Relief. Funds that had previously been marked for the orphanage were now being sent to help the starving Ethiopians.

Main events sponsored by the 501st MI Group are Chusok, September; Christmas Party, December; and Children's Day, May. This is in addition to monthly weekend visits to play with the children and distribute donated items.

In September 1984, members of the St. Vincents Orphanage Council arranged for the use of the dining facility at Camp Mar-

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A 501st MI Group soldier performs for the children of St. Vincents' Orphanage at "Chusok," the Korean Thanksgiving.

ket, Inchon, Korea, to be used for the Chusok celebration. There, a delicious and attractive meal was served to approximately 75 children. Traditional American foods were served such as turkey, dressing, gravy, and cranberries. This was a special treat to the youngsters, who subsist primarily on rice and *kim chi* (pickled cabbage). After a delightful meal, the youth were taken to the Camp Market sports field. There, the orphans and soldiers participated in soccer, softball, foot races, relay races, and volleyball.

During December 1984, the Christmas Party was especially

significant for the children of St. Vincents Orphanage. Americans traditionally recognize Christmas as a time for family gatherings, and a time for giving and caring. Keeping with the tradition, the MI Group, starting in November and early December, was able to collect approximately \$3,000 worth of food, clothing, and gifts. Especially noteworthy were the personal efforts of SFC John Tyburczyk, who collected single-handedly \$1,700 worth of gifts and money.

Another program was initiated by Capt. Sharon Styles and Sgt. Heidi Fisher to identify a sponsor

for each child. The sponsor was responsible to purchase a gift for his child. This effort netted 85 gifts, specifically purchased, beautifully wrapped, and personally tagged for each of the orphan children. The program was topped off when Mr. Yu, Hing Il, HHC, 501st MI Group played "Santa Claus" and distributed the gifts.

Santa and crew drew smiles as the 501st "elves" handed out presents to each of the children. At first, most of the youngsters just hugged their wrapped gifts, and then in a wave of excitement, each tore into their packages. Shouts and smiles filled the air as the children showed off their gifts to one another.

Christmas carols were sung and candy and cake were dispensed. Afterwards, each child received a scarf, cap, and mittens to warm their sugar-coated hands. As the festivities drew to an end, Santa and his 24 elves mounted the olive drab sleigh (bus) and departed for Yongsan. Each was satisfied with the little light they brought to the eyes of these parentless kids. As the bus pulled away, the children watched and waved good-bye, still clutching their new presents.

The last big event sponsored by the 501st MI Group comes in May. Children's Day is celebrated by the Koreans on May 5. That day the majority of the orphan children at St. Vincents are escorted to nearby picnic areas. The picnic included a cookout which was hosted by 501st soldiers. After hot dogs and hamburgers, the children participated in relay matches, volley ball, soccer, and football. The fun was cut short due to inclement weather, but not the cheer and joy shared by the orphans and soldiers.



## Sinop soldier receives ARCOM

The immediate action taken by a soldier of the U.S. Army Field Station Sinop in extinguishing a butane fire has resulted in the soldier receiving the Army Commendation Medal for heroism.

Sgt. Michael J.Y. Austin, 23, of Ocala, Florida, was visiting with friends in Sinop on July 12 when he observed a man from a nearby house run outside with a flaming butane tank. The man threw the tank into a courtyard from his bal-

cony and the burning container settled near a pile of dried wood and some bushes.

Austin, seeing the flaming tank, jumped the 15-foot balcony he was on, scaled a wall, then obtained a blanket, soaked it with water, and smothered the tank until the fire was extinguished. By reacting quickly, Austin prevented a potential explosion that could have resulted in serious damage to life and personal property.

Five days before the soldier was due to leave Turkey, the medal was presented to him during ceremonies at Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Field Station Sinop.

## Correspondence courses: convenient way to earn degree

In December 1984, Sgt. Stephen Coyle, with the 166th Military Intelligence Company at Vint Hill Farms Station, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Kentucky.

Many people may ask: What's so significant about Coyle's degree? A lot of people have a college degree. The difference is that Coyle completed his degree through correspondence courses.

The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) program at the Education Center has a variety of educational programs geared to suit each individuals' requirements. Correspondence courses that are offered through selected colleges are among them.

When Coyle arrived at Vint

Hill, he needed four courses to complete a BS degree. He had been attending the University of Kentucky and decided he would like to graduate from there. According to Coyle, he was lucky. The University of Kentucky offered the courses he needed through correspondence courses.

The Education Center is the link to completing educational goals through correspondence courses. The Center has a list of the participating colleges. The counselors there will assist in filling out an application to send to the college of your choice, he added.

Correspondence courses are an excellent way to complete a degree if you need only a few courses, according to Joan

Butterfield, a counselor at the Education Center. But they're not the answer for everyone, she noted. You must pay for each course and successfully complete it before you can be reimbursed by the government. Each course averages between \$150 and \$200. Many soldiers can't afford to pay that much money, especially privates through specialists, she said.

Coyle says paying first gives you more of an incentive to complete the course with a passing grade.

Even if you decide that correspondence courses are not for you, Coyle added, the Education Center at VHFS has excellent counselors who are willing to help you attain your educational goals.

# For your information

## Problems with terminals?

By Maj. Dennis M. Kowal, Ph.D.  
Command Psychologist

On recent visits to field stations, I have been asked about the health hazards of working on visual display terminals (VDTs). The following com-

ments are from recent research findings:

- Major corporations have guidelines to decrease fatigue and glare from visual display

terminals, but none think that they're a health hazard.

- Even though some corporations conclude that there are "no hazards" in using the Visual Display Terminals, they allow pregnant women to transfer from their terminals to other jobs.

- A major computer maker discounts health risks by saying that they "do not have any guidelines whatsoever."

- VDTs have been linked conclusively to vision, stress and reproductive problems.

## Items rationed in Korea

If you're bound for an assignment in Korea, be aware there are now stricter controls on certain commissary products.

Officials at the Troop Support Agency report that tighter monthly purchasing limits under the U.S. Forces, Korea, Ration Control Program went into effect in August.

The new limits, which apply to all commissary customers, are the result of a special Army panel appointed by the commander of U.S. Forces, Korea, to study the spending habits of all military personnel there. What they discovered was existing ration limits were too high, causing excess purchases to funnel into the civilian economy via the blackmarket.

New controls limit the quantity of instant coffee, mayonnaise, facial cream and cigarettes soldiers and their family members can purchase in a month. Two previously rationed items have been removed from the restricted list: ground coffee and soft drinks.

Also imposed by the panel is a new monthly dollar spending limit at commissaries and exchanges. According to a Troop Support Agency official, a single soldier can spend up to \$235 each month, while a family of four can spend up to \$725.

(Editor's note: This ARNEWS release is courtesy of the Troop Support Agency Public Affairs Office.)

## Selectees for Army show

Four INSCOM soldiers were selected to tour with the 1985 Army Soldier Show. They are Sgt. Karen Pippen (Conus MI Group), Sp4 Michael Brown (Field Station Kunia), Sp4 Neil Henderson (166th MI Company), and Sp4 Frederick Squib, Jr. (166th MI Company).

The show opened in the Washington, D.C. area on October 12 and will be on tour throughout the United States until mid-December. To find out whether the show will be visiting your area, contact your local Morale Support Activity.



# For your information

## Army provides service on patches

If you think the days of getting something for nothing are gone forever, think again.

Officials at the U.S. Army Troop Support Agency report that enlisted soldiers no longer have to pay for rank insignia, service or overseas stripes, or any special achievement or unit sew-on patch. What's more, getting them sewn on uniforms is also a freebie.

A change in the Army's funding policy, which went into effect Oct. 1, 1985, calls for such items to be part of a unit's organizational inventory meaning they'll become available in company supply rooms.

For years, such products, bought by the Defense Personnel

Support Center, Philadelphia, were stocked in Army clothing sales stores for purchase. Although DPSC items will move to unit supply rooms, clothing sales stores will continue to sell commercially-made products.

Service stripes, rank insignia and shoulder boards, unit patches and special achievement citations like Ranger tabs and Expert Infantryman Badges, are included in the switch.

"These things move into the same supply category as a tent, helmet or poncho," explained a spokesman from TSA's Clothing and Individual Equipment Branch.

In addition to a unit handing

out free emblems, installation commanders will also have to contract local private businesses to sew them on the uniforms—also at no cost to the soldier.

"Not only do you get replacement insignia from your unit but you can have them sewn to your uniform for nothing. It's an entitlement so there's no reason for you to go and buy them," the spokesman said.

The change affects all enlisted soldiers serving in the active Army, Reserve and the National Guard.

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# Sports

Picture pages 24 through 26 show field station personnel having fun, taking sports seriously, and striving to break records.

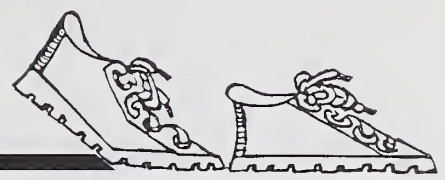


Capt. Robert Wolfe shows his reaction to a drenching in the dunk tank during the 524th MI Battalion's Organization Day.



HHC 501st second baseman Jose Bernal (#2) takes a throw from short-stop Darren Fitch (#1) in an attempt at turning a double play.





Sp5 Karen Groce, 524th MI Battalion, takes her cuts at the dish against HHC 501st. The 524th squelched its parent unit by 11-2.



MSgt. Connie Fischer, HHC, 501st MI Group, gives new meaning to the phrase "make-up" game.



SSgt. Keith Cobb roars around second base. Scenes of Red Dragon sport teams roaring past everyone has become a familiar sight in Korea. In 1984 HSC U.S. Army Field Station Korea took the Camp Humphreys Championship in softball and HHC 501st became the first team in Yongsan history to go undefeated in 32 regular season games. Flag football, soccer, marathon races, ice hockey, and basketball are played by all units of the 501st.



2d Lt. Anthony Bibbo, 501st MI Group, grunts out another push-up in the 8th Army Commanders Cup Competition. Bibbo won the competition with 120 push-ups, 104 sit-ups, and the 2-mile run in 11:44.



John Davis of Field Station Kunia pushes 600 pounds skyward under the watchful eyes of Nick Zemicki (R) and other bodybuilders during a recent Schofield Barracks powerlifting tournament. Davis went on to win the 220-pound weight class by squatting 600 pounds, benching 440 pounds, and deadlifting 580 pounds to set records in all three divisions. (Photo by SSgt. Vicki Ohmacht)





Reading helps timekeepers Dewayne McKinney and Veronica Pope pass the time between the miles they must clock. (U.S. Army photo by Sp4 Timothy Frame)



Carol Jackson, of Torri Station's 6990th ESG, paces herself along a stretch on the Panther Run track. U.S. Army photo by Sp4 Timothy Frame)

# Panther Run at Torii Station

by SSgt. Mary E. Bavry

It was a clear, crisp dawn. An occasional gust of wind cooled the otherwise warm morning. Eight women sat in the sun while waiting for the event to take place. Each had come to prove something to themselves and to those who doubted she could finish the grueling event. For the next 24

hours the women would challenge themselves both physically and mentally. Not that challenge was anything new to these women, each of whom belonged to a branch of the United States military. However, the third annual Panther Run at Kadena High

School at Okinawa was something none of them had ever before attempted.

Mary Bavry, Headquarters and Service Company, U.S. Army Field Station Okinawa, was the first runner for the Torii Tigers. When the gun sounded, she took off. As she made her way around



the dusty, dirt track her fellow competitors said she looked like she was going to a "tea party," not running in a race. She completed the first mile and passed the baton to the second runner of the day, Carol Jackson, 6990th Electronic Security Group.

Jackson made her way around the track as the crowd around her "base camp" cheered and applauded. She finished her mile and handed the baton to Sue Hunter, H&S Company.

Hunter took off, but she didn't run as fast as she could because she knew she had "a long day and night ahead."

After Hunter, Penny Wilson, Alpha Company; Linda Snead, H&S Company; Laura Alvarado, H&S Company, Camp Kinser; Dorothea Wilman, Alpha Company; and Jane Parrish, H&S Company, followed in turn. The pattern continued for the next 24 hours.

Morning turned into afternoon and the weather got warmer. Still, the women ran. When they finished their leg, they sat in the tents, drank Gatorade and cheered whoever was running.

Throughout the day and night, several people came to the field to lend moral support. And some came out to lend more than moral support, they actually ran with the women. Among them were Col. Walter L. Cressler, Jr., Maj. William Cochrane, Capt. Joe Utley, SFC Dewayne K. McKinney and Sgt. Michael Scott.

As with everything, the Panther Run had its share of paperwork. SFC Dewayne McKinney, Sgt. Veronica Pope, Sgt. Michael Scott and Sp4 Carolyn Rhoades served as time-keepers throughout the race. Day turned into night and those were the worst miles to run. Since there was about an hour and a half between legs of running, the

women would go to sleep between runs. "It seemed like you just put your head down and someone was telling you it was time to go run again," said Hunter.

During the early morning hours, the track became less crowded. People who could no longer run, walked. Some teams quit altogether. "All of us were hurting," said Snead, "but not one of us was going to quit."

And none of them did. When the final countdown was heard, the women had run a total of 159 15/16 miles. They also placed first in the all-women category of the race.

After the tents were taken down, the debris cleared away and the crowd thinned out, the women headed for home. Each seemed to agree with Wilson when she said, "I feel good that I completed the run, but I'll never do it again."



Torii team runners Capt. Jane H. Parrish (left) and Dorothea Wilman pass the handkerchief "baton" at the exchange point. (U.S. Army photo by SSgt. Eric F. Wardlow)





Running in formation on one of the course's many hills, this Japanese team makes it look easy. (Photo by Sgt. Ron Stark)



Among runners, teamwork is the name of the game as they prepare for the 3rd Annual Combat Cross Country Run at Field Station Misawa. Participants in the Run were American and Japanese soldiers from the Field Station and from the military community around Misawa. (Photo by Sgt. Ron Stark)

# All are winners in annual run

The tranquility of the fog-shrouded dawn in Misawa, Japan, was transformed as groups of Japanese and American soldiers arrived at the base ski lodge for the beginning of the 3rd Annual Combat Cross Country Run.

The six-man teams in combat uniform and boots quietly clustered together discussing the course and the competition as Army volunteers assisted by Japanese officials circulated among the runners, passing out identifying numbers, M16A1 rifles and other combat

by Sp4 Kathleen Condo

gear to be carried during the race. The feeling was one of tension and excitement as the runners received last-minute instructions and moral support as the first heat approached.

Grins and good luck wishes were exchanged as the pack readied itself at the starting line. The long months of planning, coordinating and hard training were ready to be put to the test.

Sponsored by the Army Command Association of U.S. Army Field Station Misawa,

the race originated three years ago as a prelude to the annual Army Ball and as a chance to provide friendly competition and camaraderie between local military forces. The popular event has grown steadily from the 100 participants the first year to the slightly less than 400 competitors this year who came to test themselves and each other on the grueling 5-mile course laid out along the hilly terrain of Misawa Air Base.

Competitors from the American services were a cross-



Sgt. Danny Lane, U.S. Army Men's "B" Team, checks his feet for blisters at the completion of the - Combat Cross Country Run. (Photo by Sgt. Ron Stark)



Sgt. Doug Price, at the end of the heated competition, sought relief in quenching his thirst by drinking cold water. (Photo by Sgt. Ron Stark)

section of the Misawa military community: the 6920th Electronic Security Group and Hospital Medics represented the Air Force, Navy and Army forces fielded both men's and women's teams, and Co. E Marines rounded out the U. S. participation. Japanese teams were strongly represented by the local Japanese Air Self Defense Force. Teams from the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force; Heavy Mortar Co., 39th Infantry; 4th Co., 39th Infantry Regiment; and 38th Infantry Regiment traveled from Hirosaki, Hachinohe and Aomori to compete.

Looking fit, fresh and ready, the runners awaited the starting gun. At exactly 6 a.m., the signal was given and the run-

ners took off to the cheers of the crowd of workers and supporters.

Friends and running fans lined the roadways to give encouragement and cheer on favorites. There was no language or cultural barrier this morning as the spectators applauded the spirit and endurance of these outstanding individuals. Later heats saw impressive displays of heart and camaraderie as runners from earlier heats impulsively left the crowd of bystanders to run alongside faltering runners as they tackled the worst and longest hill leading to the finish line.

The day heated up as the competition intensified. Excitement mounted as the individ-

ual and team scores were posted on the scoreboard. It quickly became apparent that the individual time to beat belonged to Sp4 Mark Brooks, captain of the Army Men's "A" team, with a 30:05 finish.

Tired but happy finishers congratulated each other, compared times and posed for pictures as successive heats lined up to begin their own test of endurance and stamina. The excellent working relationship and friendship existing among the U.S. and Japanese forces were evident in the post-race bantering and friendly challenges. A Japanese 38th Infantry Regiment team delighted the crowd of American and Japanese spectators as they ran across the finish line carrying





the American flag high over their heads.

All too quickly, the fifth and final heat was over and official scores were tabulated and double-checked for the awards ceremony. Mark Brooks surprised no one, winning the individual American men's record. A blistering 29:23 was enough to give top individual Japanese honors to Isao Sasaki of the 9th Tank Battalion team.

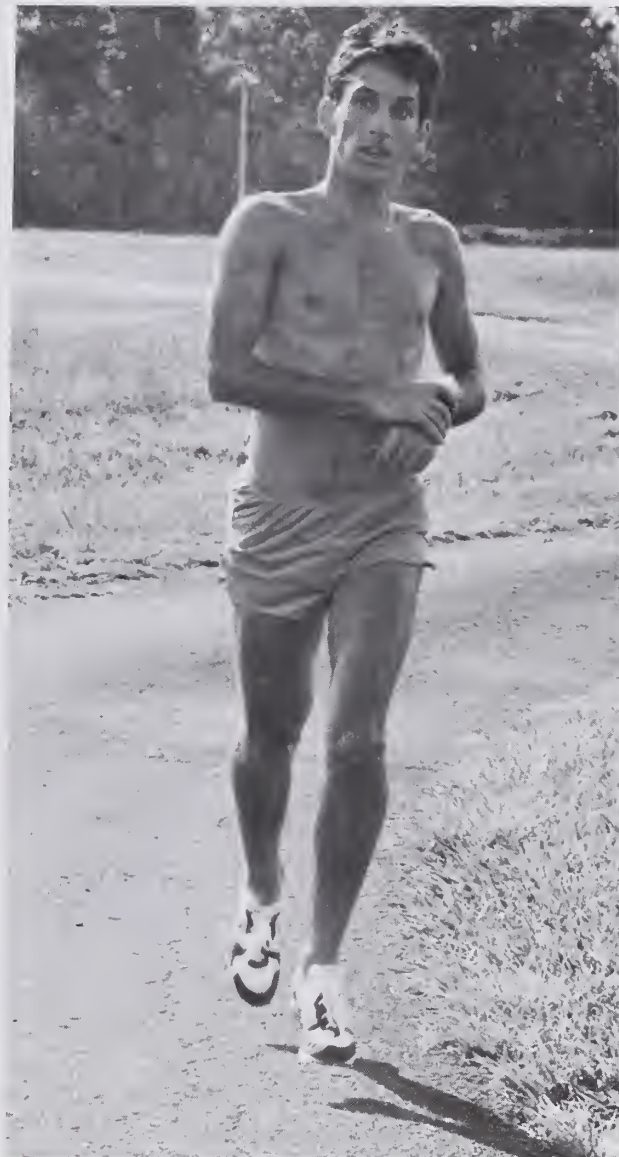
Top women's award went to Gail Perrigo of the U.S. Army Women's team with a 36:49 effort; the U.S. Army Women's team also won the women's team trophy with a time of 40:50. The American team trophy was garnered by the Naval Security Group Activity Men's team completing the course in 34:54 beating out the Army "A" team by only four seconds. Top Japanese team

honors went to the Heavy Mortar Co., 39th Infantry Regiment, with an almost unbelievable 31:26 team average time.

With or without a trophy or a ribbon to take home, everyone was a winner. The day ended with pride, high spirits, friendship and the challenge to "see you next year" at the 4th Annual Combat Cross Country Run.

# Danner captures honors in marathon

Don Danner and Bob Diehl of Field Station Kunia captured two of three first place honors in the recent American Cancer Society "Half Marathon" held at Schofield Barracks. Danner won the runner's division with a time of one hour, ten minutes and 58 seconds. Diehl won the walker's class in three hours, four minutes and 23 seconds. Diehl's win was his first title in eight years of competition.



"Half-Marathon" winner Don Danner checks his time during recent PT test. (Photo by Sp4 Torry Mapp)



# "Home Run Harvey" leads Kunia to softball victory

Harvey Strickland's inside-the-park home run spurred a Kunia softball team to victory in an invitational game at the Aloha Stadium in Honolulu recently. Kunia slipped past the 25th Infantry Division's DISCOM team by a score of 9-8.

The field station team was invited by division officials to participate in the 25th Infantry Division's Appreciation Night at the stadium, according to coach Bobby Lawrence. A crowd of more than 2700 people attended, stadium officials estimated.

The tri-service team is now the undisputed champions of the Class B league of the Hawaii Armed Services/Civilian Invitational League run by the Morale Support Activities Division (MSAD) at Schofield Barracks, he added.

"The league is the big-time for amateur players," Lawrence said. "There isn't a higher level of softball we can play in on the island."

Strickland's home run proved to be the catalyst that put Kunia on top in the game. The lead sawsawed between the teams until the bottom of the sixth inning when Mike Gebert and Bob Bannister scored on base hits. Donny Plummer then gained third base on a hit, setting the stage for Strickland.

"The only thing on my mind when I was at bat was getting the runner on third home," Strickland recalled. "Since there was only one out, I just wanted to hit it far enough in the outfield to score the runner."

by SSgt. Vicki Ohmacht

"I realized the hit was a home run when I was rounding second and the third base coach shouted, 'take your time,'" Strickland said. Tim Huegel, Dan Weghofer, and Stephen Walker followed Strickland's homer with base hits, pushing the score to the final tally of 9-8.

"It was a great feeling, a feeling of accomplishment," Strickland added. "The team wanted to do two things that night. We wanted to win the game, and give everyone a chance to play at Aloha Stadium. It was a once-in-a-lifetime game."

"I think people got their money's worth," Lawrence said. "It

was a close game all the way to the last inning. No one could predict the outcome, and I'm glad the game went like that. It was the best played game I've been involved with in a long time. The better team just came out on top at the end."

Division commander Maj. Gen. Claude M. Kicklighter presented the winning trophies to field station commander Col. William H. Campbell and the team in a ceremony after the game.

Rounding out the team were Randy Richards, Rick Slone, Kevin Barker, Gregory Anderson, Charles McPhilomy, Glen Bonham, Joel Pratt, Thomas Hutchinson, James Sheridan, James Rankin and Bobby Norris.



Field Station Kunia's Harvey Strickland slashes an inside-the-park home run to left field as umpire Michael Driscove and DISCOM catcher Gary Gurton watch the hit. Kunia won the game 9-8. Photo by Sp4 Robert Lindsay, Tropic Lightening News)





# Sports Fest at Camp Humphreys

by 2nd Lt. Ronald Orr

The Commander's Sports Fest competition was held at Camp Humphreys, Korea, recently. 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion, Camp Humphreys, participated in this competition and did very well indeed.

The Sports Fest was a post-wide competition modeled along the lines of the "Corporate Challenge" series conducted in the United States among businesses and civic organizations. Awards were given to the winning company and battalion for each event. Winners also displayed streamers on the company guidon to let everyone know that they were champions in the particular event they won. This was identified as a significant achievement.

3rd MI Battalion could only compete in 13 of the 17 events offered. Nonetheless, the battalion was still rated the best unit at the Sports Fest. In addition, 3rd MI had the "most winning" company. Company A won the most events and had the absolute most points. Hats off to Alpha Company and 3rd MI!

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